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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing a sales tax exemption for sales of textbooks
2 for limited time periods annually and including effective
3 date provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 423.3, Code 2013, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 99. *a.* The sales price of new and used
4 textbooks for use in attending a postsecondary educational
5 institution if the sale takes place during the period beginning
6 at 12:01 a.m. on the third Friday in August and ending at
7 midnight on the following Saturday, or during the period
8 beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the second Friday in January and
9 ending at midnight on the following Saturday.

10 *b.* For purposes of this subsection:

11 (1) "*Postsecondary educational institution*" means an
12 accredited higher education institution as defined in section
13 261.92, an Iowa community college, a postsecondary educational
14 institution under the control of the state board of regents, a
15 school of cosmetology arts and sciences licensed under chapter
16 157, or a barber school licensed under chapter 158.

17 (2) "*Textbooks*" means books and other printed materials used
18 in attending a postsecondary educational institution in this
19 state.

20 *c.* Postsecondary educational institutions are required
21 to provide the titles of required and recommended textbooks
22 for all courses and the corresponding authors, publishers,
23 and international standard book numbers for such textbooks on
24 the postsecondary educational institution's internet site for
25 access to all booksellers and all students. The state board
26 of regents shall designate the format by which the textbook
27 information shall be provided.

28 *d.* In order to receive the sales tax exemption, a person is
29 required to show a current official identification card from a
30 postsecondary educational institution and either the purchaser
31 or the bookseller must show that a textbook intended to be
32 purchased is on a list of textbooks provided by a postsecondary
33 educational institution under paragraph "*c*".

34 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
35 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

1 EXPLANATION

2 This bill provides an annual limited-time sales tax
3 exemption for textbooks used in attending a public or private
4 Iowa postsecondary educational institution, including licensed
5 cosmetology and barber schools. "Textbooks" is defined as
6 books and other printed materials.

7 Postsecondary educational institutions are required to
8 provide the titles of textbooks for all courses and the
9 authors, publishers, and corresponding international standard
10 book numbers for the textbooks on the institution's internet
11 site in order for all booksellers and students to have access
12 to the information. The state board of regents is required to
13 provide the format in which the textbook information must be
14 provided.

15 In order to qualify for the exemption, the textbook sale
16 must take place during the period beginning at 12:01 a.m.
17 on the third Friday in August and ending at midnight on the
18 following Saturday, or during the period beginning at 12:01
19 a.m. on the second Friday in January and ending at midnight
20 on the following Saturday, and a person must show a current
21 official identification card from a postsecondary educational
22 institution and either the purchaser or the bookseller must
23 show that the textbook intended to be purchased is on an
24 institution's textbooks list.

25 By operation of Code section 423.6, an item exempt from the
26 imposition of the sales tax is also exempt from the use tax
27 imposed in Code section 423.5.

28 The bill takes effect upon enactment.